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In re Application of: Albert E. Seaver and William K. Leonard		
Serial No.:	09/841,380	Group Art Unit: 1734
Confirmation No.:	5859	Examiner: George R. Koch
Filed:	April 24, 2001	
For:	ELECTROSTATIC SPRAY COATING APPARATUS AND METHOD	

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.R.F. §1.114**

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Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114 of Serial No. 09/841,380, Confirmation No. 5859, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled ELECTROSTATIC SPRAY COATING APPARATUS AND METHOD.

Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-3723.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at 612-331-7412 with any questions regarding this application.

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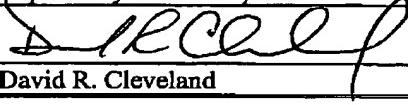
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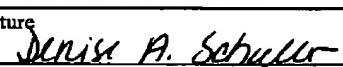
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### Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed February 19, 2003 and is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 CFR 1.114. In accordance with the Notice at

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognote/revamdtprac.htm>, please amend the application as follows: